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REPARATIONS DEADLOCK.

PARIS CONFERENCE BREAKS DOWN.

NEW YORK COMMENT.

New York, January 4.
The newspapers unanimously express the opinion that the breakdown of the Paris conference is to be expected.

The *New York World* says that if Mr. Hughes means business he must prepare to act quickly and deal with the realities of the problem, namely guarantees, before France commits herself to a policy of independent action against Germany.

The *New York Times* states that the British plan is impractical and rests purely upon economic considerations which at present are only a minor part of the question.

BELGIANS AND ITALIANS HOPEFUL.

PARIS, January 4.

While the British and French delegates this morning were firmly adhering to their respective programmes the Belgians and Italians were still hopeful that a compromise may be reached.

TWO MORE SCHEMES.

The conference this afternoon will probably be confronted with two schemes—the Italian—which approximates the French, and the Belgian which provides for a shorter moratorium than that suggested by the British but supports the French in demanding guarantees during the moratorium. A noteworthy development to-day was the departure at two in the afternoon of a special messenger with urgent despatches from Mr. Bonar Law to London in a French military aeroplane.

ULTIMATUM FROM POINCARÉ.

LATER.

The conference reassembled at three in the afternoon and was interrupted at 4.20 to enable the delegates to examine Mr. Bonar Law's detailed reply to M. Poincaré. *Reuter* learns that prior to the interruption, M. Poincaré delivered something in the nature of an ultimatum, declaring that it was useless to continue to talk unless guarantees or sanctions were accepted. It is understood that the British delegates will leave Paris in the evening if the Italians also oppose the British plan.

LATER.

On the resumption of the conference at three in the afternoon Marquis Delp Torretta submitted the Italian proposals.

Mr. Bonar Law followed, reading a detailed statement in further reply to French criticisms of the British scheme. M. Poincaré then spoke declaring that little could be gained by further discussions on the present lines. He said the French did not oppose the moratorium but it must be accompanied by substantial guarantees. Mr. Bonar Law replied, adhering to the position that the imposition of guarantees during the moratorium would defeat the object in view.

The conference adjourned at 4.20 to enable the delegates to examine the British detailed statement.

SWAYING BETWEEN HOPE AND FEARS.

LATER.

When the conference resumed at 5.30 the Belgians had not yet spoken and circles outside the conference were swaying between hope and fear. It was freely stated that a rupture was inevitable. The Britishers return to-morrow. An aeroplane carrying Mr. Bonar Law's despatches to London broke down shortly after leaving Le Bourget. Nobody was injured. The despatches contained a full report of Mr. Bonar Law's speech yesterday and his replies to the French criticism were telephoned to London.

A "FRIENDLY" BREAKDOWN.

LATER.

The Paris conference has broken down. The disagreement was friendly and the British delegates are going home to-morrow.

THE ITALIAN PROPOSALS.

LONDON, January 4.

The Italian proposals submitted to the conference suggest that the Allies write a "Q" bond thus reducing the German debt to obligations under "A" and "B" bonds and grant a moratorium for two years on condition that Germany accept guarantees, Germany to raise as soon as possible a loan of at least three milliard gold marks. The guarantees suggested by Italy comprise maintenance and control over export and import licences, direct management by the Allies of the Rhine frontier, and control of German state forests and the production of State mines.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE AGREE TO DIFFER.

In a statement after the conference Mr. Bonar Law explained that the discussions throughout were most friendly. Both M. Poincaré and he concluded that there was a vital difference of opinion between them and it was obvious that nothing could be gained by long discussions and arguments. Mr. Bonar Law's concluding statement at the conference declared that, after earnestly considering the French proposals His Majesty's Government was definitely of opinion that it carried into effect the proposal would not only fail to attain the desired results but would tend to have a grave and even disastrous effect upon the economic situation in Europe. Therefore they were unable to participate therein or accept responsibility for it. At the same time he assured the French Government that His Majesty's Government was fully conscious of the importance of a settlement and the desire for friendship between the British Government and people towards the French Government and people remained unchanged.

THE DOLLAR.

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REPARATIONS DEADLOCK.

BRITISH PROPOSALS IMPOSSIBLE.

M. Poincaré replied that the French Government had examined most attentively the British proposals and the longer they studied them the more they were obliged to recognise that the proposal would involve a considerable reduction of the debt owing to France and overthrow the Treaty of Versailles and it was impossible to accept such a solution. The Government of the Republic deeply regret inability to agree with Great Britain on this serious question but thanks the British Government for its friendly statement and assures them notwithstanding the difference of opinion that sentiments of the French Government and nation towards England remain unchanged cordial.

FRENCH, BELGIANS AND ITALIANS STILL TALKING.

PARIS, January 4.

The French, Belgians and Italians will continue conversations to-morrow whatever the Belgians will go home.

TRANSFER OF GOLD DEPOSITS.

PARIS, January 4.

One of the things which has angered the French most to-day is the revelation that £40,000,000 in gold on behalf of France and £10,000,000 on behalf of Italy deposited in the Bank of England in war time has been sent to the United States to purchase war material for the Allies. The papers in Paris declare that France was thus deprived of a most valuable deposit for the safeguarding of French credit. A French semi-official statement explains that the gold was deposited as a security for an advance of £150,000,000 sterling and was restorable three years after the war at the same time, as the repayment of the advance was effected.

CONFERENCE DEFINITELY CLOSED.

PARIS, January 4.

It is stated in French circles that to-morrow's conversations between France, Italy and Belgium will be purely courtesy interviews and in no wise a continuation of the conference which is definitely closed.

BONAR LAW'S IDEA OF IT.

PARIS, January 5.

Mr. Bonar Law was unable to accept the distinction in that form and insisted that the difference was simply whether the steps to be taken would or would not prevent the recovery of German credit—whether it was better to seize whatever was within reach or to consider whether what was seized would prevent the recovery of German credit wherein lay the hope of obtaining a larger sum.

BRITAIN QUITE JUSTIFIED.

A financial authority is quoted in London to-day as stating that the British Government, merely as a book-keeping transaction paid the French interest on this gold and this was construed as carrying a liberty to use the money as it thought fit. Instead of lying idle during the financial stress it is pointed out that neither France nor Italy paid interest on their debts to Britain. Official circles declare that Britain was quite justified in her action and has set off both on interest and capital in amounts owed by France and Italy. The facility is stressed of rebuying gold merely to re-deposit it in London.

THE DITCH BETWEEN THEM.

PARIS, January 4.

Since the conference in London M. Poincaré and Mr. Bonar Law have realised the virtual impossibility of reaching agreement to-night. Nevertheless that did not prevent them doing their utmost to secure agreement. Mr. Bonar Law stated that M. Poincaré brought the issue to a point by opining that nothing could be gained but possibly something important lost by futile attempts to effect a compromise in the reality of which nobody would believe. M. Poincaré stated that there was a ditch between us. Not only the views of the French delegation but the views of the French people made a bridge impossible and the only chance of agreement lay in being able to find a way from one side of the ditch to the other. M. Poincaré defined the ditch as follows: "Is there to be a moratorium with pledges or without pledges?"

TURKEY AND THE ARMENIANS.

AN AMERICAN HOME SUGGESTED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 4.

Rauf Bey, the Ankara Premier, in a speech in the Assembly insisted upon full satisfaction of the entire Turkish programme as regards Thrace, the Straits, capitulations and racial minorities. He suggested that the United States provide a national home for Armenians on American soil.

LE JIN'S HEALTH WORSE.

BERLIN SPECIALIST SUMMONED.

BERN, January 4.

Professor Klemperer, the specialist in internal diseases has again been summoned to Moscow to attend Lenin whose health has worsened.

BARCLAY'S BANK.

PROFITS FOR 1922.

LONDON, January 4.

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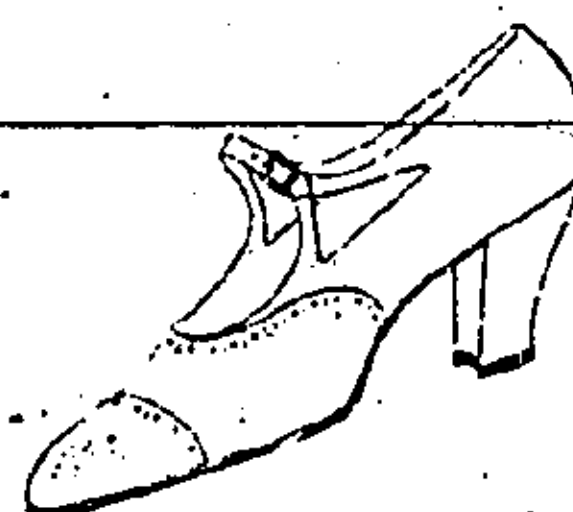
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KOWLOON TRADE

Vast and varied, China's trade fills many fat volumes with statistics every year. There are her imports, worth H.K. \$1,406,937,356 in 1921 (H.K. \$1,232,908,612 more than the previous year); and her exports, worth H.K. \$1,601,265,537—a H.K. \$1,592,621,237 increase in twelve months. And this trade is still growing, in spite of the country's endless internal disorders. The latest returns, those for the Kowloon customs district during the first quarter last year, reveal this country with striking clearness. The Canton Kowloon Railway goods traffic alone showed remarkable growth in this period, the import trade increasing (notably) in plain shirtings from 50 pieces in the corresponding month the previous year to 6,040; white shirtings nil to 13,710; jeans nil to 10,600; cotton blankets 1,472 to 27,926; canvas and cotton duck 20 yards to 44,279; China root 2,126 piculs to 26,454; cigarettes nil to 107,197 mille; clothing, hats, etc. H.K. \$1,259,100 worth to H.K. \$1,229,960 worth; flour, rice and wheat, 36 piculs to 13,208; mineral and engine oil, 2,520 gallons to 30,988; American kerosene 28,100 to 89,225; and spirits of wine, 32,622 to 100,282. These are only a few of the increases recorded, and they are not offset by any decreases in the imports though other channels, which, indeed, in most cases, show equally big advances—namely dried and salt fish 13,013 piculs to 51,393; wood matches 7,169 gross to 17,399; American kerosene 49,420 gallons to 469,590; and timber 60,335 cubic feet to 76,513. The goods showing the biggest decreases in the railway imports are wood matches 49,420 from 27,717 gross to 5,160; native medicines H.K. \$1,841 to \$1,503,443; and Sumatra kerosene 31,783 gallons to nil (more than

it will stand vast expansion when the country's ruinous internal disorders have been settled. Then will China enjoy the full heritage of her enormous wealth and her boundless resources.

HONGKONG'S HARBOUR.

SIR MAURICE FITZMAURICE'S SCHEME.

Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice, of the firm of Cooch, Mathews, Fitzmaurice and Wilson, Consulting Engineers for Harbours to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, who is at present in Singapore, is expected to sail for home this day week, according to an official statement. Sir Maurice has prepared a report on the development and improvement of Singapore and Hongkong harbours. As regards the scheme for Hongkong, it is unlikely that his presence will be required here unless some new development arises during the next few days. Sir Maurice accompanied by Lady Fitzmaurice, arrived in the Southern port by the P. & O. e.s. "Nellie" and unless his plans are changed he will return to London by the Suez route.

"PEARL OF THE ORIENT."

NAM HING LOONG PROSECUTED.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's Court this morning, Carl Ingelb trading as the Orient Tobacco Manufacturing of Hongkong, summoned Nam Hing Loong, the well-known firm of storekeepers and tobaccoists for selling or exposing for sale certain boxes of cigars bearing the "La Perle de l'Orient" trademark, being a falsely applied trademark to thereby representing the trademark of the complainant as to be calculated to deceive.

In reply to a question by His Worship Mr. Turner said that he had been entertained at the parties coming to an arrangement before the next appearance in Court.

The case was adjourned till 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

CIRCUS AT KOW LOON.

The "glitter of the sawdust ring" attracted another big crowd to Harmsworth's Circus tent in Nathan Road, Kowloon, last night. The show went with a splendid swing and each turn (in particular the thrilling trapeze act of the Arcos trio) won the unstinted applause of a crowded "house."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One Portuguese and one British case of diphtheria were reported yesterday.

Capt. F. Mooney, of the Indo-China S. N. Co., s.s. "Pook Sang," which arrived in port this morning from Singapore, reports the death of two Chinese deck passengers during the voyage.

Tang Kui, a Sanitary Department coolie aged 50, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital at 10.30 p.m. yesterday suffering from injuries caused by being knocked down by a motorcycle driven by Mr. A. P. Glanville of the P.W.D.

The Oraka Steamship, North China Line, will shortly maintain a three weeks' service between Hongkong and Puget Sound ports, omitting the usual call at Dairen on the outward voyage. The new service will commence with the sailing of the "Arizona Maru" for Hongkong on January 17.

The December issue of *The Yellow Dragon*, in addition to the usual notes for present and former Queen's College scholars, contains two contributions which have wide general interest, the one a clear sketch of the "Sui An" piracy, and the other an original article on the evanescence of the "Sui An" piracy, and the other an original article on the evanescence of the "Sui An" piracy, and the other an original article on the evanescence of the "Sui An" piracy.

Arrangements have been made to publish the *Incidental Music and Songs* specially composed by Mr. Eric Rice for the A.D.C.'s recent production of "The Tempest." As only a limited number of copies will be available, all those desiring to make advance reservation should send in their names as soon as possible to Mr. Rice direct or to Messrs. Kelly and Walsh. Copies will be ready in about a month's time and will be sold at \$2 each.—Advt.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

PREPARATIONS FOR TONIGHT.

THE ARRANGEMENTS.

The Society of St. George holds its annual ball to-night, and preparations were already well in hand when a representative of the *China Mail* visited the City Hall this morning.

Though the feast day of England's Patron Saint falls on April 23, the annual ball to celebrate the anniversary is always held in Hongkong either on Twelfth Night or on a date approximately thereto—the reason being that the heat at the end of April is not conducive to such a strenuous exercise as modern dancing.

The decorative scheme to night will follow that of former years. As the guests enter the main entrance, their way will be lit by a blaze of light from the motto "St. George for Merrie England," which is the electric design above the entrance. On either side of the entrance are situated the cloak-rooms. At the head of the main staircase an illuminated shield with the Cross of St. George has been picked out in red electric bulbs. The two familiar signs—"Elephant and Castle" and "Ye Bull in Bush"—facsimiles of inn signs common in days gone by, hang on either side of the foot of the staircase and speak for themselves.

Two rooms have been set aside for dancing. In the main ball-room hangs picture of Queen Victoria, draped with the flag of the Cross of St. George and the national Colours. To the right hangs the shield of Bristol, to the left that of Maidstone. Immediately opposite can be seen the shields of Leicester, Doncaster and Leeds. The other towns represented in this room are: Hasley, Winchester, Hastings, Pritchard and Wakefield facing Northampton, Hereford, Carlisle, Ilfracombe and Devonport. The band-stand in this room is in the corner watched over by the shields of Leeds and Northampton.

In the smaller ball-room, over the fire place, the all-geometric design of St. George slaying the dragon meets the eye. The dragon is again depicted as representing "Bohemia," "Vandalism" and "Apathy." The coats of arms of Penzance and Dover hang to the right and left respectively, facing those of Chatham, Blackpool and Liverpool. The other town emblems are those of Wolverhampton, Guildford, Windsor, Shrewsbury, Derbyshire, Grantham, Ipswich, and Harrogate; the second band will be immediately beneath the last-named.

In the buffet, which adjoins the larger ball-room, the coats-of-arms of Plymouth, Bradford, Birkenhead, Hull, Southampton, Cambridge, St. Helen, Westminster and Birmingham look down from the walls. The table, in which are hung the flags of most of the nations of the world, will be used as the supper-table, the stage being reserved for the table of the President, Mr. R. Hancock, and his guests.

The centre of the dress circle has been reserved for the accommodation of the guests from the Consular Body and their ladies.

Owing to the absence of the wife of H.E. the Governor, Lady Stubbs, there will be no official set of Laureates this year.

OFFICIAL GUESTS.

The following official guests have been invited to take supper at the President's table:

H. R. Hancock, Lady Leveson, H. E. the Governor, Mrs. H. W. Bird, Mr. H. W. Bird, Lady Fowler, H. E. Admiral Leveson, Lady Rees Davies.

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LAUNCH HELD UP.

CANTON RIVER AFFAIR.

The launch "King Seng" which tows a junk plying between Hongkong and Shek-ki in Heungshan, brought the story of a piracy on her arrival at 7 o'clock last night.

It appears that the launch left Hongkong yesterday morning for Shek-ki and at Lun San Hou encountered another launch which ordered the "King Seng" to stop by firing a rifle volley across her bows. Over twenty armed men boarded the launch and took them to Wang Moon where they met another launch towing a junk, coming from Shek-ki to Hongkong. The robbers also stopped this launch and boarded the junk. While the loading of the junks was going on a Chinese motor patrol boat appeared on the scene, but seems to have got the worst of a fight with the robbers. The "King Seng" escaped in the confusion and at Lung Ting, the crew could still see the robbers' launch with the other boat at Wang Moon. The motor patrol boat made off in the direction of Ha Chai.

Apparently a party of robbers or disbanded soldiers have seized a launch and turned pirates. Shek-ki is the capital of the Heungshan district in the south of the Canton River estuary near to Macao.

"HOMESPUN FOLKS"

AT KOWLOON THEATRE.

A complete assortment of rural types, some perfectly harmless, some exceedingly lovable, some capable of considerable villainy, most of them humorous and all of them interesting are included in the cast of "Homespun Folks," a quaint story of American small town life which is being screened at the Kowloon Theatre for the first time to-day.

The story concerns the struggles of a young American to preserve his ideals and to cherish the beliefs he has learned at his mother's knee. The characterizations are well perfect in their fidelity to type, in their interest, living qualities of actuality. Asia "Way Down East" (with which "Homespun Folks" is well worthy to be ranked) chuckles and tears are freely intermingled and the human appeal is always there. The sympathy of the audience goes out at once to the plucky youngster who, disowned because he chooses to be a lawyer, packs his worldly belongings into a wheelbarrow and trundles off to another town to make good in very decisive fashion.

HONGKONG COMMERCE.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

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"White Red" \$3.85
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FUNERAL.

LATE MR. J. D. OSMUND.

Over three hundred mourners, representing every community in Hongkong, were present at the funeral of Mr. J. D. Osmund, which took place yesterday evening at the Roman Catholic cemetery, Happy Valley, to the late Mr. Osmund's last tribute to the late Mr. Osmund, a true friend and a genial acquaintance and colleague. The deceased numbered his many friends from amongst every nationality, and last evening representatives of the Portuguese, British, Filipino, Indian, Parsee, Jewish and Chinese communities all turned out with one accord to pay their respects to the deceased.

It was one of the most impressive funerals seen at Happy Valley for a long time, and testified amply to the deceased's popularity. The Catholic community of Hongkong was there in full force, representing the Confraternity of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Confraternity of Our Lord of "Passos," the Apostleship of Prayer, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Raphael's Society, St. Joseph's Association, Catholic Union Club (of which deceased was President), Catholic Men's Club, St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association, The Rock (of which deceased was Joint Treasurer with Capt. Bristow, R.G.A.), and Religio e Patria.

The Portuguese community, of which the deceased was a highly respected member, was, of course, in the majority amongst those who were present at the graveside. The Club Lusitano, the Club de Recreio and the Portuguese Staffs of all the large Hong Kong Colonies were well represented.

The Confraternity of the Most Blessed Sacrament was represented by Mr. A. F. Osmund (Vice-President), Mr. P. O. da Rosa (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Paulo S. (Hon. Treasurer), Messrs. G. S. Boalho and C. Osmund (Committee Members), and Mr. B. Lopes (Procurator) of the Cathedral Conference, Mr. H. Dixon (Vice-President), Mr. C. Guimang (Hon. Secretary), Mr. M. Fernandez (Hon. Treasurer) and Messrs. E. L. Marques and Li Yat-choi (Committee Members) of the St. Francis Church Conference.

The Confraternity of Our Lord of "Passos" was represented by Mr. J. M. Graca (Vice-President), Mr. A. G. da Rocha (Hon. Secretary), Mr. A. Baptista (Hon. Treasurer) and Messrs. G. Botelho and J. C. V. Ribeiro (Committee Members).

The Apostleship of Prayer was represented by Mr. V. F. Soares (President), Mr. N. U. Botelho (Hon. Secretary), Mr. J. Baptista (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. J. M. P. Tavares (Hon. Registrar), Mr. J. M. Graca (Hon. Master of Ceremonies) and Promoters of the Cathedral Central, Chev. J. M. Alves (President), Mr. J. M. C. Risto (Vice-President), Mr. C. Marques (Hon. Secretary), Mr. H. J. M. Figueiro (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. A. Alves (Hon. Registrar), Mr. V. Xavier (Hon. Master of Ceremonies) and Promoters of the St. Francis Church Centre.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was represented by Chev. J. M. Alves (General President), Messrs. Simon Tse Yan and E. H. Dillon (Joint Vice-Presidents with the deceased), Mr. J. C. V. Ribeiro (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. T. W. Doyle (Hon. Treasurer) of the General Council Mr. J. J. Remedios (President), Mr. M. F. Baptista (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. H. F. Rozario (Hon. Treasurer) of the Cathedral Conference, Mr. H. Dixon (President), Mr. M. Fernandez (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. Li Yat-choi (Hon. Treasurer) of the Wanchai Conference.

St. Raphael's Society was represented by Mr. P. H. Mearns (President), Mr. M. Fernandez (Hon. Secretary), Mr. H. Dixon (Hon. Treasurer) and Messrs. J. D. Marques, F. L. Marques and Li Yat-choi (Committee Members).

The Catholic Union Club was represented by Mr. A. F. Remedios (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), and Messrs. M. F. Baptista, A. A. Baptista and J. M. Alves (Committee Members).

The Catholic Men's Club was represented by Mr. E. H. Dillon (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. P. T. Julian.

St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association was represented by Mr. H. Dixon (President), Mr. E. E. Carvalho (Vice-President), Mr. J. P. Braga (Hon. Secretary), Mr. J. P. Xavier (Hon. Treasurer) and Messrs. M. Fernandez, J. M. Noronha, J. C. V. Ribeiro, V. F. V. Ribeiro (Committee Members).

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Mr. P. V. Botelho (Portuguese Vice-President), Mr. F. O. Jenkins (formerly D.S.P. in command of the Police Reserve), Mr. Leo d'Almada, Castro, Mr. L. G. Outierres (Scoutmaster of the First Hongkong Scout Troop of Boy Scouts), Rev. Fr. F. Noval (Head of the Spanish Dominican Priory), Rev. Bro. Aubert (Sub Director of St. Joseph's College), Messrs. E. P. Hyndman, Eddie de Sousa S. A. Marcel and U. Omar (representing St. Joseph's College Football Club), Mr. Loureiro, of the Chinese Maritime Customs (Swatow), Mr. L. M. Xavier, Mr. Barretto, Mr. Brito, Mr. Soares, Mr. A. Baros, Mr. Rosa, Mr. S. Lopes, Mr. Cho Po-seu, Mr. O. Castro, Mr. B. Castro, Dr. Ozorio, Mr. L. Ozorio, Mr. Ruttonjee and many others.

The funeral left the deceased's residence, Bellis Torrao, at 4.30 p.m., and accompanied by many followers made its way to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where a short service was read. Then the procession, which was considerably swelled by many mourners who had gathered at the Cathedral, slowly made its way down Garden Road through "Queen's" Road and Morrison Gap Road to Happy Valley.

Walking immediately behind the hearse all the way to the cemetery were the chief mourners: Mr. A. J. Osmund, Mr. L. A. Osmund, Mr. C. Osmund and Master H. Osmund (son), Mr. Chas. Osmund (father), Mr. A. F. Osmund, Mr. C. H. Osmund, Mr. G. V. Osmund and Mr. E. E. Osmund (brothers), Mr. J. F. Osmund (brother-in-law), Mr. A. F. Osmund, Jr., and Mr. G. A. Osmund (nephews).

At the top of Morrison Gap Road the procession was met by the Band of the Sociedade Philarmica which headed it, proceeding slowly to the east stairs of the Funeral March, to the Monument, where most of the mourners were waiting. Here also were over forty members of the Apostleship of Prayer, with wreaths in hand, lining the two sides of the road, headed by Mr. J. M. Graca (Master of Ceremonies), bearing a large silver cross. When the cortege arrived at the Monument, a short halt was made while the maced procession, over a quarter of a mile long, formed up. It then made its way to the cemetery in the following order: the Band of the Sociedade Philarmica, the Silver Cross, flanked by four mourners carrying beautiful wreaths in glass domes, members of the Apostleship of Prayer, carrying ordinary wreaths, the hearse, all wed by the chief mourners, and a long line of the other mourners, and the general public bringing up the rear. The side of the road was lined many deep by interred spectators all the way to the cemetery gate, and traffic had to be stopped.

At the gates, the coffin was lifted on to the shoulders of Messrs. C. M. Soares, Eddie de Sousa, J. R. Soares, F. P. Hyndman, S. A. Marcel and A. V. Ribeiro. Led by the R. V. Fathers Ban-hi, Valtoria and Rigoti, it was borne to the graveside, where His Lordship Bishop Porzio was waiting. The impressive burial service was rung in Latin, after which the coffin with a wreath from the sorrowing widow resting on it, was lowered into the grave.

A collection of beautiful floral tributes—over a hundred—was laid on the grave. They included those from: "Alberta, Luiz, Carlos and Enrique" (sons), Mr. Chas. Osmund (father), Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Osmund, Mr. J. C. V. Ribeiro (Hon. Secretary), Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Osmund, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Osmund and Mr. E. E. Osmund (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Osmund, Jr. (a nephew and niece), "His Loving Sisters," "Gustavo" (nephew) J. F. F. Soares (brother-in-law), Mrs. Ozorio (sister-in-law), and other relatives.

The other wreaths included those from Mr. and Mrs. A. F. B. Silva-Netto Chev. and Mrs. J. M. Alves, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. M. R. de Sousa, Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Botelho, Mr. and Mrs. Leo d'Almada, Castro, Senhor and Mne. Cerveira d'Albuquerque e Castro, Mr. P. C. Jenkins, Mr. A. F. Remedios, Mr. A. Barreda, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lopes, Mr. F. E. Carvalho, Mr. M. Fernandez, Mr. H. Dixon, Mr. Li Yat-choi, Mr. Chos Po-seu, Catholic Men's Club, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., China Sugar Refinery, Chinese Staff China Sugar Refinery, Club "Boys" Catholic Union Club, Sociedade Philarmica Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Club Lusitano, Club de Recreio, Portuguese Staff of Secony, Portuguese Staff of Union Insurance, Portuguese Staff of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Portuguese Staff of Kowloon Dock. The four wreaths in glass domes were from Committees: Catholic Union Club Members, Catholic Union Club, Portuguese Staff, Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., and Associação Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos.

Cure That Cough

When you have a troublesome cough, it does not mean that you have consumption, or that you are going to have it, but it does mean that your lungs are threatened, and it is just as well to be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy before it is too late. For sale by all Chemists and Stores.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET.

ENGLAND'S THRILLING WIN.

CARLETON, January 4.

England won by one wicket: The final stages of the game were played in brilliant weather on a perfect wicket before 2,000 spectators. Mann (45) and Jupp (35) made a gallant stand compiling sixty-eight for the seventh wicket. Then Brown was out for a duck. The crowd was greatly excited when Kennedy and Macaulay came together for the last wicket with five needed for victory. Kennedy hit a boundary bringing the scores level and then the fieldsmen closed in a last desperate effort to stop the winning run but after being completely beaten by the second ball Macaulay got the third away. The game finished at 2.30 amidst long and hearty cheers for the victors.

CANADIAN CONVENT BURNED.

ELEVEN IN A YEAR.

QUEBEC, January 4.

The Good Shepherd Convent of St. George de Beauce which has been destroyed by fire is the eleventh Catholic institution to be destroyed by fire within a year.

MUI TSUI.

CHINESE VIEW OF NEW BILL.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DISCUSSION.

An extraordinary meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce was held at 2.45 p.m. to discuss the government's decision to put into operation the new Ordinance relative to mui tsui.

Mr. Li Po-kwai was in the chair and he was supported by Mr. Ip Lan-chuen the Hon. Secretary.

Among those present were the Hon. Chow Shou-son, the Hon. Mr. Ng Han-ter, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Li Chiu-chiu, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Li Wing-kwong, Mr. Simon Tse Yau, Mr. Fung Ping-shan, Mr. Chau Yu-fing, Mr. Yung Tse-ming and many others prominent in Chinese business circles.

Mr. Li Po-kwai asked the members to state their opinions as to the advisability or otherwise of putting the Ordinance into operation as a great deal of correspondence had been received by the Chamber on the question.

Thesecondary Mr. Ip Lan-chuen read a letter from Mr. Wai Po-chik dealing with the question from the earliest times and mentioning the fact that owing to peculiar domestic and political circumstances mui tsui were absolutely necessary.

In reply to a question the Chairman stated that many letters have been received at the Tung Wah Hospital.

Mr. Wong Ping-tin, proprietor of the P. and O. stated that the time was not ripe to abolish mui tsui. China's internal conditions had to be radically changed before such a thing should be attempted.

Mr. Tung Kam-chuen, master of the Ping On boarding house, contrasted the conditions of mui tsui in Hongkong and daughters of labouring families in the interior. He said that the Hongkong mui tsui's lot was far superior to a girl in the country.

Another member said that if the buying of girls as mui tsui was not permitted, it would only benefit those who bought girls as adopted daughters and need them for prostitution.

Mr. Ip Lan-chuen mentioned that an Ordinance could be enforced in a place like Singapore. But Hongkong was too close to China and conditions were different. There was no inducement in either buying or selling girls as mui tsui.

Sellers were generally lured by circumstances while buyers had to provide their upkeep in return for their service.

The meeting is proceeding as we go to press.

FOOTBALL.

CLUB v. POLICE.

The following team will represent the Club in their league game with the Police on Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Sookunpoo ground, on Saturday, at 4 p.m. — Angus, Israel, Bishop, Valentino, Stewart, McPhail (capt.), McFarish, Forsyth, Begg, McBride, England.

VARSITY v. KING'S.

The following will represent the Varsity against the Kings, on Saturday, at 2.30 p.m. on the Club ground. — H. Bragg, S. A. M. Sopher (capt.), S. Omar, D. Laidlaw, B. J. Au, P. K. Liew, T. L. Cheong, J. P. Gauder, J. C. Wing, B. Robinson, B. C. Lee.

THE "SUI AN" PIRACY.

The following topical verses appear in the latest issue of *The Yellow Dragon* over the signature "K.W.L." It has been suggested, the journal explains, that Mr. Ralston sing them at the next Queen's College Old Boys' dinner. Meanwhile they deserve a wider audience.

One fair Sunday morning I went to Macao
On the good ship "Sui An,"
Inhaled the fresh breezes, admired the seascapes,
And made quite a lot of Pan Tan.
Flushed with success and at peace with the world
I said to my friend Wah Tee:
"You cannot beat the old China coast."
It gives us more pleasure than ever we lost.
So fill up your glass and I'll give you a toast:
Good luck to the China Sea.

He wanted to argue: I made him
Yum Sing.
Then straight like a bolt from the blue
The pirates swooped down, shot the captain and guards,
And scooped us along with the crew.
They stole all our money, our watches, our rings.
They shouted, they struck us, they spat,
They tickled our noses with revolvers and knives,
And one ugly brute punched my hat.
We slid past Cheung Chau, saw Repulse Bay Hotel
Whose lights mocked our misery.
The language we used on the China Coast
As we went to perdition the whole pirate host!
We would gladly have watched them all sizzle and roast
That night by the China Sea.

Like a phantom vessel we passed
Waglan.
We glided behind Mrs. Day.
At daybreak the villains went off with their loot.
And an enormous Hip Hip Hooryay.
In the farthest language we vented our wrath.
Me and my "pal" Wah Tee.
As we cursed those glooms of the China Coast
Whose chief recreation will be to boast
Of the Sunday they had us so badly on toast
On the unspeakable China Sea.

"What a lovely experience!" one idiot says.
"So romantic!" says number two.
The ignorant stay-at-home know-all insists.
In telling what they would do.
Never sing of a life on the ocean wave.
Don't mention the Deep to me.
Adown the years on the China Coast.
Those dastardly pirates will chuckle and boast,
And just to annoy me my old Wah Tee will toast
The "Sui An" Piracy.

YUNNANESE INVA I.N.
GENERAL ACTS.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, JAN. 4.
Advice has been received in Canton to the effect that General Ip Kue, in command of the Kwangtung troops at Shui Hing has attacked the Yunnan soldiers at Fung Chuen and Kong Hau. Nothing was gained by the action but it has had the effect of stemming the tide of invasion.
General Chen anticipates that the Kwangtung troops might make either Samshui or Ying Tak their objective. Trains on both the Canton-Samshui and Yuch-Han railways have been running day and night to augment the defences at these two strategic positions.
Chen Wing-shin, commander of River Patrols is stationing garrisons along the West River to aid the gunboats.

There are vacancies in the Philharmonic Society's orchestra for a flute, two clarinets, a bassoon, two horns, a trombone and a timpani, and those willing to assist are invited to attend the practice at St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.15 p.m. on Monday, January 8.

There was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary yesterday the body of Wong Chow Eze, a widow, 72 years of age, previously living in an unnumbered house at Un Long Market, Taipo. Her body was found at 6.00 a.m. on the 3rd, inst. by her brother.

A verdict that deceased took his life by hanging himself in a fit of mental depression was returned at the inquest held at Singapore in connection with the death of Alfred Leonard Howell, a European warder who was found hanging in a ward of the Prison Hospital. Evidence was given that the deceased had had an intense misunderstanding with his wife and had been drinking heavily.

The following will represent the K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Hongkong O.C. 2nd XI. in a friendly match at Kowloon today, at 2.15 p.m. — A. O. Brown, E. J. Edwards, W. B. Haslell, W. Fraser, C. W. Jeffries, N. L. Ralston, H. Overy, W. Hyde, A. Leach, J. Gillitt and B. S. Green.

"MAD AND SILLY."

STABBING CHARGE EXCUSE.

Fong Wao, a young Chinese, ekes out a precarious living by doing odd jobs for hawkers in Arthur Street, Yau-mai. Yesterday he resented something said to him and stabbed one of the hawkers with a dagger.
This resulted in his being haled before Magistrate Lindsell this morning and being charged with wounding, besides possessing a dagger without a permit.

In pleading guilty, he told the Magistrate that he was "mad and silly." Sub-Inspector Langan, who had charge of the case, explained that the defendant was not exactly mad, but there was reason to believe that there was something wrong with his head.
Mr. Lindsell adjourned the case till Wednesday next. Meanwhile Fong is to be kept under medical observation.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per N.Y.K. s.s. "Luta Maru" on Jan. 3. — Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Radbury, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown, Miss P. M. Brown, Mr. O. H. Baer, Mr. S. D. de Costa, Mr. T. H. Green, Mr. N. Hanano, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hombray, Miss E. H. Kendrick, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Lamb, Mr. A. C. Tice, Mr. M. von R. Mullen, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rodriguez, Miss M. Rodriguez, Miss M. J. Rodriguez, Miss D. K. Stevens, Mr. H. W. Ling, Mr. G. G. Wood, Mr. A. C. Anderson, Mr. S. A. Anuska, Mr. W. Alexander, Mr. H. B. D. Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. S. Brandt-Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Cook, Mr. J. K. Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rodriguez, Miss M. Rodriguez, Miss M. J. Rodriguez, Miss D. K. Stevens, Mr. H. W. Ling, Mr. G. G. Wood, Mr. A. C. Anderson, Mr. S. A. Anuska, Mr. W. Alexander, Mr. H. B. D. Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. S. Brandt-Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Cook, Mr. J. K. Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rodriguez, Miss M. Rodriguez, Miss M. J. Rodriguez, Miss D. K. Stevens, Mr. H. W. Ling, Mr. G. G. Wood, Mr. A. C. 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FOOTBALL

NOTES AND COMMENT.

TOMORROW'S LEAGUE GAMES.

The following League Games are down for decision tomorrow.

FIRST DIVISION.

Police v. Club, Sookumpoo "A" ground.
Carlisle v. King's, Navy "B" ground.
Kowloon v. Tamar, Kowloon (Hansham) ground.
Hawkins v. Titania, Navy "A" ground.
South China v. R. G. A., Chinese ground.

Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

SECOND DIVISION.

Police v. Warders, St. Joseph's ground.
Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.
King's v. University, Club ground.
Ambrose v. Auxiliaries, Navy "A" ground.
Titania v. South China "B", Navy "B" ground.
R. G. A. v. Marazion, Sookumpoo "A" ground.
Hawkins v. Carlisle, Sookumpoo "B" ground.
South China "A" v. Kowloon, South China ground.
St. Joseph's v. United, St. Joseph's ground.
Kick off at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

Last Saturday's football was of a very poor description. I should say that with the exception of the Chinese-King's match the others were not worth watching. I suppose the holidays had something to do with it.

The Chinese are to be congratulated for their fine recovery last Saturday for they were two goals down right up to ten minutes of time and then two good break-aways saw the score made level. On the run of the play the Chinese were the better team and should have won but the uncertainty of football decreed otherwise. The Chinese are due to meet the Gunners on their own ground and if they play like they did last week they should secure the points, for the R. G. A. are playing anything but good football just now.

The Police and Club play their return match at Sookumpoo, and the appearance of Dr. Valentine and Swan should strengthen the side. The Club will have to improve on last Saturday's form if they want to win. Wild shooting like Begg indulged in will never secure goals. I expect them to win tomorrow however.

Kowloon are at home to the Tamar, and a fast game should be seen. I was not very much impressed with the former's showing against the Police last week. There is too much individualism amongst the players and a little more combination would improve the attack. Tamar will quite possibly be with Hudson who's knees are very much out about and a rest is what he is after. On the whole I expect to see the Sailors bring the points away with them.

Carlisle who are back in port will meet the King's, and unless the former have improved a lot the Sailors will have no difficulty in winning. At the same time the latter are not playing the football they did at the beginning of the season. I expect they are getting a bit stale.

The Flagehip meet the Titania and on present form they should win. The Titania cannot seem to settle down to a good game and changes in the forward line are no doubt responsible. They can however give their opponents a good game and the Hawkins will not find them an easy thing.

The Second Division provide eight games for tomorrow, one of which, Police v. Warders, will be played at 4 p.m. on the St. Joseph's ground. The latter have yet to win a game and I do not think they will be good enough to beat the Copper tomorrow.

With this League, championship almost as far as they are

SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE TABLE—DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	PTS.
King's Regt.	12	9	1	2	29	8	2
Club	13	8	4	1	24	13	17
Ambrose	13	8	5	0	18	14	16
Hawkins	11	6	2	4	20	11	14
South China	12	5	5	2	21	17	12
Tamar	11	4	3	4	13	13	12
Kowloon	11	4	4	3	14	17	11
Titania	8	3	3	2	13	13	8
Durban	11	3	7	1	12	19	7
R. G. A.	11	2	8	1	12	24	5
Dispatch	4	1	2	1	7	9	3
Police	9	0	6	3	4	23	3
Carlisle	4	1	3	0	5	11	2

LEAGUE TABLE—DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	PTS.
Hawkins	11	11	0	0	54	7	22
King's Regt.	9	9	0	0	51	1	18
St. Joseph's	7	7	0	0	28	3	14
South C. "B"	7	6	0	1	20	6	13
United	10	5	2	3	18	13	13
R. G. A.	10	5	4	1	20	17	11
Kowloon	9	4	4	1	17	9	9
Titania	8	3	3	2	10	15	8
South C. "A"	9	3	4	2	13	16	8
Ambrose	9	4	5	0	10	23	8
Marazion	7	3	3	1	18	12	7
University	6	2	3	1	11	14	4
Durban	7	2	5	0	11	10	4
Police	9	1	8	0	4	31	2
Dispatch	2	0	2	0	2	6	0
Carlisle	4	0	4	0	4	12	0
Warders	9	0	9	0	5	32	0
Auxiliaries	9	0	9	0	3	31	0

FANLING GOLF.

NAVY v. ARMY.

This match was played at Fanling by the permission of the Committee and members of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club yesterday.

The singles were won by the Army who gained 10½ matches to 6½. In the foursomes the Army won 8½ matches to 5, leaving them victorious on the whole by 24½ matches to 11½. Capt. Bloxham and Lieut. Baccor played well in the foursomes having a best ball score of 71 for the 18 holes.

BAKERS' STRIKE SEQUEL.

BREAD PRICES INCREASED.

A sequel to the recent bakers' strike appears in a circular issued by the Chinese Loong one of the leading Chinese bakeries. They say that "owing to the fact that both the wages of labourers and the cost of the materials for manufacturing bread have increased we are liable to increase the price of our productions slightly above our usual figures."

Bread has gone up one cent a pound and their latest price list shows the following:—Brown Bread 10 cts., English Bread 10 cts., French Bread 11 cts., Twist Bread 10 cts., Wheat Bread 12 cts., Birthday Cake 70 cts., and Christmas Cake 85 cts., per pound.

concerned Hawkins will be out to take no chances, and should improve their position tomorrow when they meet the Carlisle second string.

The St. Joseph's—United will be a close game with I think the points being divided, Kowloon should win against the Chinese "A" team. The R. G. A. and Marazion game should end in a draw, King's should beat the University, and Ambrose should beat the Auxiliaries.

Titania meet the Chinese "B" team and a fast game should end with the Chinese winning by a small margin.

Football supporters will welcome back to the Colony, Mr. Wright. He will be remembered as the very hard working Association Secretary a few years ago and he is also an acquisition to the Referee's list. We hope to see him back in harness in the near future.

The Association will meet on Tuesday next to make arrangements for the Shield Competition and also interpret trial match. A good attendance of members is expected.

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NOTES AND COMMENT.

THE TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT.

In my last notes I predicted that the Club would have no difficulty in disposing of both the Army and Navy elevens in the Triangular Tournament. As things turned out, the Club won both matches comfortably, never at any stage of either game having the least cause for anxiety. A departure from previous years was followed by restricting the Club-Army match to a one-day fixture. However in any circumstances, I do not think a different result would have been arrived at. The wicket did not seem to suit Capt. Davies and although he bowled with great perseverance and kept a fine length, the ball was not rising sufficiently high to make him difficult. Excluding Davies, the Army bowlers were very mediocre—the ease with which runs were scored off their efforts bear testimony to that.

The lion's share of the Club attack devolved on Reed and he fully maintained his reputation while he was ably seconded by well-versed bowlers. Hancock found an approach to his old form on New Year's Day. Two well-timed hits clean out of the ground—non into the transverse Queen's Road and the other on to the old Pavilion—showed that he had not lost the hitting powers which had demoralized bowlers in the past. He hit up 60 in extra quick time in the second innings against the Navy, timing shots past cover-point and to the leg boundary with wonderful precision. There was some discussion as to the way in which he got out. In the middle of an over Lake beckoned the stump to stand closer to the wicket and gave a "lob," pelted the ball high with plenty of spin. Hancock must have been caught off his guard. He hit the ball full toss and the stroke resulted in an easy catch to Beatty at mid-off. There is nothing in the rules of the game relative to swiping from "over-arm" to "under arm" or vice versa, but one is apt to think that it is not exactly sporting to change in the middle of an over (after having bowled several overs) and out-intimidating the batsman of the intention.

A curious coincidence about the three League matches played last Saturday is that none of them were finished and each team is credited with one point for a draw. The R. G. A. have not been joining as well as expected. In League matches to date they have beaten the C.R.C. and drawn with the Indians, Kowloon and Navy. (Results of the match with the Indians were not published). This is not good enough for a team who were champions a few years ago. What seems to be wrong is that the ball is too pronounced and there are no consistent bowlers to back up Capt. Davies. They were very lucky to save the games with the Indians and Kowloon, but the match with the Navy had quite an open result. The Indians have, apparently, fallen into the habit of making runs leisurely—a habit which should be zealously avoided in Saturday afternoon cricket unless a team possess a couple of demon bowlers.

Kowloon, last year's champions, have been very disappointing in both divisions of the League this season. A wealth of talent is available and the only reason one can advance for the bad showing is the constant change in the elevens, this applying especially to the junior team. Some of the players have figured in high teams and at least one can only describe the teams as a series of scratch elevens. In three senior League matches, six teen men have played and nine bowlers have been tried. The respective numbers for the second team for four matches are nineteen and twelve. A glance at the averages will show that a number of players with established reputations have not found their form. Only Spinks in League and Edwards in League II have been consistent scorers. As the result of a fine innings against the R.E. Petheram has found a place in the senior team but he is not always dependable. Two of the non-regular bowlers appear in the junior averages and Evans just managed to get in the latter list by virtue of a good evening against the Gunners last Saturday. The two teams have played several League matches in all and the total result is no wins, one draw, one tie and five defeats.

The C. R. O. obtained their first point through a somewhat lucky draw with the Infantry, who, battling against some moderate bowling did not deserve their score of 153 for 7 as this was due in a great measure to the abnormal number of dropped catches. Probably the C.R.O. trust their League fixtures very easily but there are a number of young players

in the eleven and to them I would say that excellence at fielding is just as essential as skill with bat or ball although one wins the least fame by concentrating on fielding ability. I expected the Police to beat the Civil Service 2nd XI but an unlooked for stand by Cullip and Watson, put a different aspect on the game. R. Eamsbarrow's absence from the Police team considerably weakened their batting strength and a collapse resulted. Alexander, by a fine display and receiving some valuable assistance from Thorpe, staved off what appeared at one time to be certain defeat.

Quite a big quota of games are scheduled for tomorrow. From the lists of fixtures to hand are the following:—

LEAGUE I.
R.G.A. v. Infantry.
I.R.C. v. C.R.C.
LEAGUE II.
University 2nd v. Civil Service 2nd.
FRIENDLY.
H.K.C.C. v. Kowloon, Civil Service v. University, Kowloon 2nd v. H.K.C.C. 2nd, C.R.C. 2nd v. I.R.C. 2nd.
To be played on first named Club's grounds.

Cricketers will regret the untimely death of Lt. Com. Hooper who played with success for the Navy eleven. A reliable bat, sound in defence when the occasion asked for caution, he was a punishing batsman, who had invariably gone in first in the games he had played here. In addition he was also a good fieldman. His death will mean a serious loss to the Navy team.

Appended are the League batting and bowling averages of cricketers who have played in at least two games. Batting figures are from 20 upwards while trundlers with averages below 12 runs per wicket have been included.

BATTING AVERAGES.

FIRST LEAGUE.

	No. of INNINGS.	Runs.	Average.
S. D. Ismail (I)...	2	81	51.81
Fincher (G.S.)...	2	71	55.71
Wood (C.S.)...	2	65	53.65
A. A. Ramjahn (U)...	3	138	69.46
Saver (C.S.)...	2	88	44.40
A. H. Madar (I)...	2	42	21.00
Davies (R.A.)...	4	117	29.25
Ollivier (K.A.)...	2	56	28.00
H. R. Ramjahn (I)...	2	31	15.50
Cherter (R.A.)...	1	32	32.00
Spinks (K)...	3	78	26.00
G. Lee (Ch)...	3	74	24.66
Quick (U)...	3	73	24.33
Gittens (U)...	2	21	10.50
Blackburn (K)...	2	23	11.50
T. E. Xcol (U)...	3	64	21.33

SECOND LEAGUE.

	No. of INNINGS.	Runs.	Average.
H. D. Ramjahn (I)...	2	75	37.50
Hannond (R.E.)...	4	143	35.75
Alexander (P)...	4	141	35.25
Wahup (I)...	2	43	21.50
Petheram (K)...	3	82	27.33
R. Eamsbarrow (P)...	2	66	33.00
R. Eamsbarrow (P)...	3	70	23.33
Nazair (I)...	3	24	8.00
Acker (I)...	3	18	6.00
Edwards (K)...	4	89	22.25
Pearson (R.E.)...	4	63	15.75

* Denotes "not out."

BOWLING AVERAGES.

FIRST LEAGUE.

	No. of Wickets.	Runs.	Average.
Bullchut (U)...	16	300	18.75
S. D. Ismail (I)...	3	5.05	1.68
Reed (C.S.)...	11	6.28	0.57
Hamilton (C.S.)...	4	6.50	1.62
A. H. Madar (I)...	7	7.71	1.10
I. C. Huo (Ch)...	4	7.75	1.94
A. A. Ramjahn (U)...	8	8.01	1.00
Davies (R.A.)...	15	10.73	0.71
Liog (C.S.)...	4	10.75	2.69
Somas (K)...	9	11.44	1.27
Holloway (R.A.)...	11	11.55	1.05
Gregory (N)...	8	11.75	1.47

SECOND LEAGUE.

	No. of Wickets.	Runs.	Average.
C. Eamsbarrow (P)...	18	7.39	0.41
H. D. Ramjahn (I)...	8	8.12	1.01
Shenton (K)...	6	8.33	1.39
Hyde (K)...	3	8.33	2.78
Powdermill (R.E.)...	10	9.21	0.92
Cowan (C.S.)...	10	9.60	0.96
Pearson (R.E.)...	9	10.1	1.11
Watts (P)...	9	10.33	1.15
Jacobson (R.E.)...	5	10.10	2.02

FATAL MOTOR SMASH.

CORONER'S INQUIRY OPENED.

STORY OF THE OTHER CAR.

After our report of yesterday's Coroner's inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Lieut. Commander Hooper, R.N., had closed.

Pay, Lieut. Webb, in reply to a question from the Coroner, said he had no theory how the accident happened.

The Coroner: You are prepared to say definitely that your car was not racing with the other car? I do not think the driver accelerated speed. Do you blame anyone in connection with this accident?—I cannot. Mr. F. E. Nash (who was present on behalf of the Copnought Motor Car Company): Previous to the accident was the car in good running order?—Yes.

Had you any fault to find with the driver?—No.

The next witness called was Paymaster Lieut. William McBride. He said that he was sitting in the centre of the back seat. Lieut. Copley was on his right and Lieut. Beacham on his left. Lieut. Webb was sitting on the floor of the car and deceased hall on witness' knees and ball on Lieut. Beacham's knees. None of the party interfered with the driver in any way. Just before the accident he watched the other car overtaking theirs. That car was going faster than the ordinary speed.

The Coroner: Can you say how close to your car it passed?—I should say about 10 feet on our right hand side. Before the smash occurred I felt a bump, followed immediately by a smash.

The Coroner: Do you know what the bump was caused by?—I should say by a stone. I remember seeing some white stones afterwards and I think the car passed over one of the.

Were you thrown out?—I was.

Have you any theories as to the cause of the accident?—No.

Was there any racing between your car and the car that passed?—No, none that I know of.

Paymaster Lieut. Wallace, of the H.M.S. "Durban" said he had had some experience in driving cars. He estimated the speed of their car at 30 miles per hour most of the way back to town. He was sitting along side the driver. He occasionally watched him.

The Coroner: Did he strike you as a careful driver?—He was driving very well—very steady.

Was there any racing on the road that night?—No, we were going at the same speed most of the way.

Continuing, witness said that just before the accident he noticed the other car coming up. He first noticed it about 50 yards to the rear of theirs. It was coming right behind them and appeared to be travelling about 10 miles per hour faster than their car. There was no signal given neither did the approaching car sound a horn. When the approaching car drew level they were about two yards from the side of the road. The car overtook theirs just before they came to the curve where the accident took place.

The Coroner: Did your chauffeur know of the approach of this car?—No I don't think so. I looked round again when the car was level with us.

Was the chauffeur surprised?—I cannot say. I did not see it. The other car drew clear of our car just as we began to turn. The road surface was dry at this point.

What did your chauffeur do?—The car in front ceased to gain. It may have slowed down or it may have lost speed in turning. There was about three feet between the rear of the other car and the front of our car.

In other words, the other car crossed your course?—Yes.

What did the chauffeur do?—He swerved the car slightly to the left in order to get clear of the other car. He then tried to bring the car back towards the centre of the road and then tried to bring it back again behind the other car. Having got the car straight, the front left wheel caught a stone and the rear of the car must have swung on to the tramway standard. The car stopped dead with a very heavy crash. I was thrown forward on to the wind screen. I forgot to mention that during the bumping the engine was running free, the driver pulling out the clutch.

How do you think the accident occurred?—I should say it was a combination of high speed coupled with the fact that the other car passed on the bend.

You don't think that the accident was due to your car swerving round the bend at a high speed?—No, we were taking the bend quite well, and I am convinced that had the chauffeur held on to his original course, he would have avoided the other car. It does not seem very likely that the other car after passing your slow down?—The only thing I can think

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

ICE CREAM.

We hereby beg to remind our numerous customers that their orders for Ice Cream must be placed 24 hours before delivery is required.

GOING GONE!

SCIENTIFIC CURE FOR HEADACHES.

Professor Kamp, of Amsterdam, the latest exponent of auto-suggestion, who has come to London, following in the footsteps of M. Coué, gave a demonstration of the new curative science at the Hyde Park Hotel recently, says the Daily News in mail week.

Unlike M. Coué, Professor Kamp teaches no general formula, nor does he advocate self-suggestion. He claims to cure all diseases of nervous origin by suggesting to the patient that his complaint does not exist. "I do not claim to cure organic ailments," he said in a short address with which he opened his demonstration. "I can often make patients who are suffering from organic disease better, but I cannot cure them. Many illnesses are diagnosed by medical men as organic when they are really nervous or partly imaginary."

Prof. Kamp opened his demonstration by putting his audience through an "armstretching-kind of physical jerks," which ended with a clenching of the hands.

"Now you can't open them," said the Professor. One of the women found she could not but the rest of the small audience were not susceptible to suggestion.

This woman was then made the subject of a number of tests and did everything that was suggested to her. "I am going to ask you to count ten," said the Professor in quick, deliberate tones. "But you won't be able to get any further than seven."

The young woman then started to count slowly, stopped at five and when told to go on a little further, slowly murmured "six," "seven," and then remained speechless.

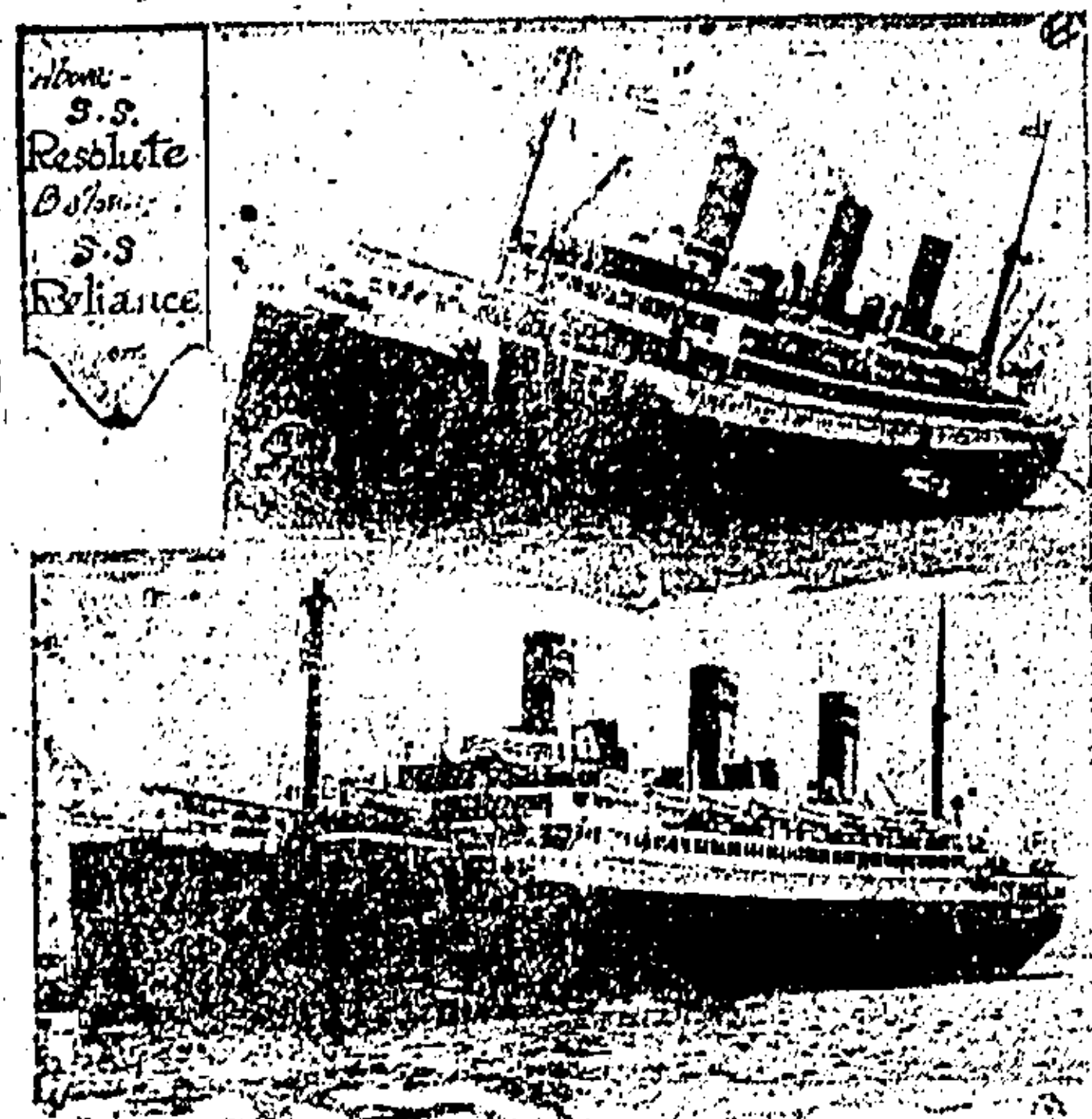
TIERED FEELING NOT PREVALENT.

A little later, she was the only one of half a dozen members of the audience who took a quiet, after-noon's nap under the Professor's suggestion that they were all to have a tired feeling and go to sleep.

The audience, unfortunately for the value of the demonstration, was an unusually healthy one but several genuine headaches yielded to immediate treatment.

Professor Kamp simply placed his hands on each sufferer's head, closed his eyes, set his teeth, and after a few seconds uttered sharply the word "Gone!" Each patient declared, the pain had quite disappeared. In effecting these immediate cures, Professor Kamp appeared to exert tremendous power. The veins stood out on his temples. He closed his demonstration with a simple exhibition of mental telepathy.

Mr. G. J. Vaux, Assistant Purser of the s.s. "Empress of Asia" who was the other occupant of the passing car, was next called. But before he was examined Inspector Garrud explained to the Coroner that a certain portion of the road between Hong Kong and Repulse Bay was closed each night from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. for the purpose of road alterations. This meant that the cars had to journey back from Repulse Bay to Hong Kong by the round-the-island route.



Owing to the dry law forbidding the sale of liquor on American ships and because prospective passengers were cancelling passages in consequence, the United American Lines has transferred the "Resolute" and the "Reliance" to Panama registry. They were the third and fourth largest vessels flying the American flag. The photograph of the "Resolute" was taken when the vessel was at anchorage off Quarantine, New York Harbour, listing heavily because of a sudden shift in her cargo.



Erskine Childers

Though an Englishman born, Erskine Childers showed himself one of the most rapid of the Irish Republicans, rising to the position of chief-of-staff of Eamon de Valera, the Spanish-American chief of the Irish irreconcilables. Childers was executed by the Free State.



Edward F. Hurley

Edward F. Hurley, former Chairman of the U.S. Shipping Board, sees a greater future for the shipping business of the Pacific Coast as a result of the San Francisco conference where rival lines settled their differences. He decries prohibition on American vessels.



Prehistoric remains have been found in the Hines Cave, Wayne County, Ky., by scientists of the University of Kentucky. A succession of ash layers at various levels indicate that the cave was occupied by Indians in different stages of civilization. Near the ash banks were found awls, pipes, needles and skinning knives. Eight or nine skeletons were found, all being buried with the knees doubled up and the heads turned to one side, as was the Indian custom. Folded in the arms of one woman was the skeleton of her baby. The skeleton here shown had an arrowhead in it, probably the cause of death.



Just before her marriage to ex-Kaiser Wilhelm Princess Hermine, of Prussia, arrived at Doorn. This photograph also shows Pastor Vogel, who married the couple in the religious ceremony.



Fascist Cabinet that overthrew the Italian Government. Premier Benito Mussolini is at the head of the table. At his left is General Armando Diaz, Commander of the Italian Army in the war and now Minister of War. On Mussolini's right is Admiral de Ravel, Minister of Marine.



Miss Pauline Dahla, of New York, fulfilling her bet that she would sell newspapers all one evening in Broadway if Governor Nathan L. Miller were re-elected.



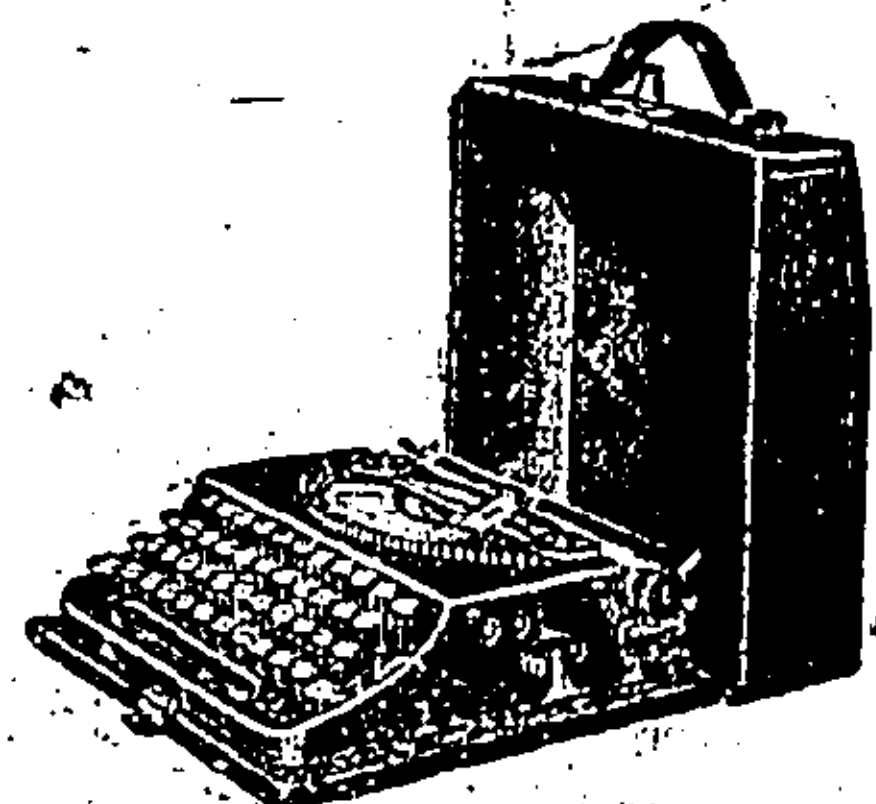
Mrs. Alu Jennette Hersey, of Cincinnati, O., 103 years old and the oldest citizen of that city, is preparing to cast her third ballot, her first having been cast when she was 100.



Jesse Sanderson escaped from the Louisiana State Penitentiary sixteen years ago, after serving four years of a life sentence for murder. He made his way to Missouri. His daughter, who lived with him, received the attentions of a young man to whom Sanderson objected. She notified the police, and Sanderson is now back in prison.



Mrs. Margaret Campbell Goodman, of New York, known among men as 'Captain Margaret,' is only four feet five inches tall and weighs only 110 pounds. Several years ago she astonished Great Lake divers by salvaging the cargo of the steamer "Pewabic," sunk in Lake Michigan, off Thunder Bay in 1865. She is now arranging to raise the threatened schooner, "New Brunswick," sunk in Lake Erie in 1859.



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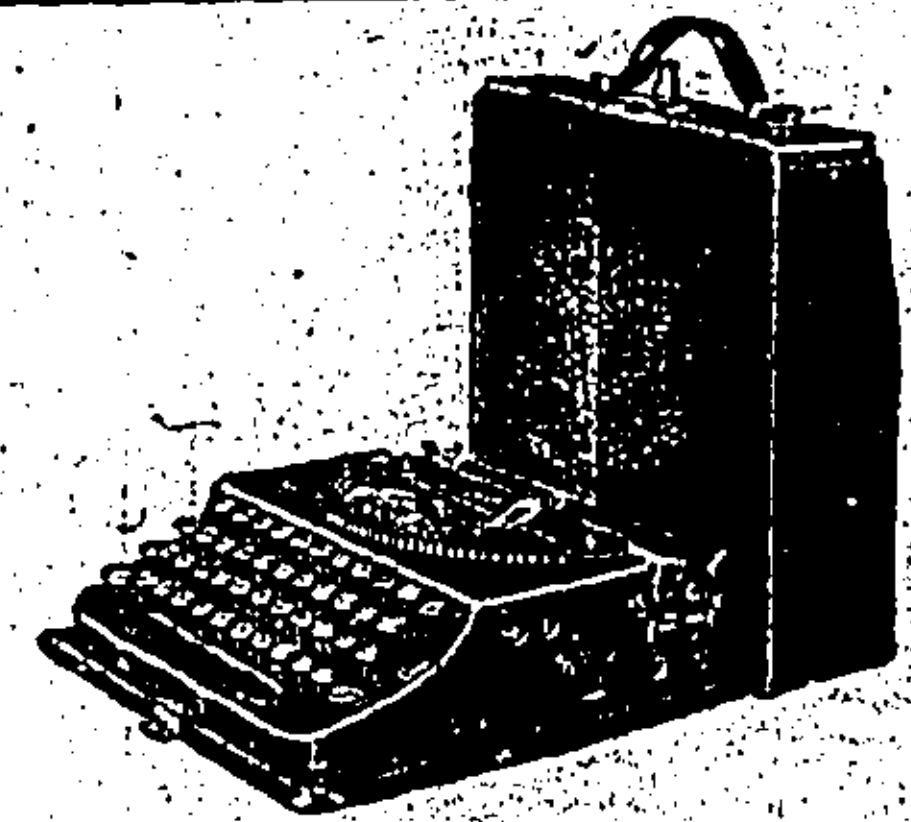
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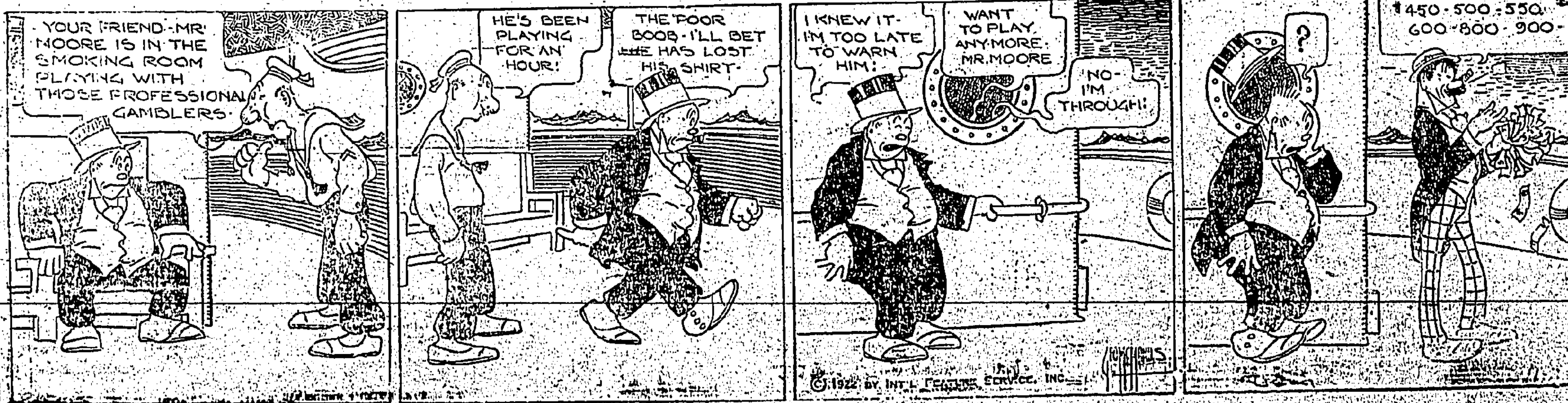
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EARLIER TELEGRAM.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

TSAO KUN'S NOMINEES

Peking, January 3rd.
Having thrown out Tiao Kuo's nominees for portfolios in the Cabinet, Premier Chang Shou Tseng has sent General Lu Chin to Pootung to confer with Tiao Kun.
General Lu Chin returns this evening. This explains the absence of the announcement of the new Cabinet Ministers.

ABOLITION OF TUCHUNATES.

Peking, January 3rd.
President Li Yuan Hung has issued a long circular telegram urging the early abolition of the Tuchunates and the disbandment of troops.
President Li's long telegram adds that his Administration has been in the hands of Parliament for some time, that he is ready to retire when a successor is appointed, and that while no reasons are intended to work for the country's welfare, but the Tuchunates and the soldiers stand upon the road leading to national salvation.

BRITAIN'S SHARE OF THE BOXER INDEMNITY.

London, January 3rd.
Sir Frederick Lugard writes to the Times championing the Hongkong University's claims in connection with the Boxer Indemnity. He says that the rapid increase recently in the number of students testifies, even more than its academic successes, to the position it occupies, and thinks that the present condition of China seems to show that the Chinese who have been denationalized by being sent abroad for education, too young, have done their country but little good.
He reminds the advocates of additional universities in China that, apart from other serious difficulties, the cost of a modern university with the endowment of buildings and equipment, can hardly be estimated at less than £2,500,000, and adds that, presumably, it is better to have one thoroughly satisfactory institution than several inefficient ones.

SQUEEZING CHINA.

London, January 3rd.
Sir Edwin F. Stockton, M.P. (Ex-chancellor), writes to the Times on the matter of Italy along the Powers refusing to consent to the agreement bringing into force an effective five per cent. customs duty in China, except on conditions which are reported to be the handing over to Italy of various Austrian warships (sic) detained by China in the War.

Sir Edwin says that really one would have thought that in these days, when the Powers as a whole have agreed to the system of a particular course, we should have abandoned the old and vicious system of trying to extort from another country special concessions as the price of approval of a policy which the other country is absolutely entitled to adopt. He hopes, therefore, that Italy will realize that it is not to revert to the old-fashioned system of squeezing China or any other Power, chaos in the Far East will become worse than ever.

NEW CHINESE CABINET.

Peking, January 4th.
Mr. Alfred Zao arrived at Peking yesterday afternoon.
Premier Chang Shou Tseng visited President Li Yuan Hung this morning. It is believed that he submitted a list of members of the new Cabinet, which will be issued in a mandate this evening. The list is as follows:
Chang Shou Tseng, Premier and Minister of War.
Mr. Alfred Zao, Minister of Foreign Affairs.
Wu Yeh Lin, Minister of Communication.
Liu En Yuan, Minister of Finance.
Kao Ling Wei, Minister of the Interior.
Li Ken Yuan, Minister of Commerce.
Peng Yun Li, Minister of Justice.
Mr. C. T. Wang, Minister of Education.
Li Ding Hsin, Minister of the Navy.
It must be emphasized that the list is liable to alteration, even at the last moment.

REMARKABLE GLIDING FEATS.

Paris, January 3rd.
According to a telegram from Biskra, Algeria, the remarkable feat of remaining in the air one hundred minutes in an ordinary aeroplane, with the engine shut off, by utilizing aerial currents, has been accomplished by a Frenchman, Lieutenant Thoret.
Lieutenant Thoret subsequently made another gliding flight occupying seven hours, which is stated to be the world's record. An ordinary unadorned army machine was used, carrying an additional weight of two hundred kilos.

FATAL BRIDGE SMASH IN AMERICA.

New York, January 3rd.
Eighteen persons are reported missing as the result of the breaking up of a log jam, destroying a foot-bridge over the Colts River at Kelso, Washington State, which was crowded with spectators. Many motor-cars also fell into the water.

SOUTH PACIFIC RESEARCH.

London, January 3rd.
It is announced that a research expedition to the South Pacific is being organized to start early in the summer.

PRINCESS VICTORIA.

It is announced that Princess Victoria (second daughter of King Edward VII.) has been suffering for several days with bronchitis and pulmonary congestion, but Her Royal Highness was a little better to-night and her strength has been maintained.

CENTURY-OLD ARITHMETIC.

PROBLEMS FOR PRESENT DAY SCHOLARS.

It is one of those treasures, nicest rewards of idleness, which may sometimes be ascribed at the end of an hour of drifting through second-hand bookshops, says a writer in the Daily Mail. It calls it all an introduction to Arithmetic Designed for the Use of Young Ladies, and it was printed in 1809 by a certain William Butler, "Private Teacher of Writing, Accounts, and Geography." And it contains some of the most wonderful sums I have ever found in the course of an unduly prolonged experience of second-hand books.

"For William Butler knew heaps of things besides arithmetic, and it was his desire that his young ladies should know them also. Most honest teacher, he gave far more than mere arithmetic to the girls which he received. At the end of his instruction his diligent pupils had acquired a store of curious and admirable facts relating to an infinite diversity of subjects. Also one secret to admit, I expected them to know a lot. For instance—
"Add as many pounds sterling as any place can possibly have degrees of latitude or western longitude from London to as many persons as there were in Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat."
"To as many guineas as the Israelites wandered years in the desert and as many half-crowns as there are provinces in Spain."
"From as many pounds sterling as there have been Kings of the United Kingdoms of England and Scotland take as many guineas as there have been Kings of the House of Brunswick."

I should like to know what the result of trying these three sums in an ordinary girls' school of to-day would be.
But it is in the imparting of information that Mr. Butler really shines—
"Tewksbury, in Gloucestershire, was formerly noted for mustard. Durham is now famous for that commodity. Pay for a pound at 2½d. an ounce and find the charge out of a crown."

"The wearing of buckles commenced in the reign of Charles II., but people of inferior rank and such as afflicted plainness in their garb wore rings in their shoes some years after that period; these last, however, were ridiculed for their singularity in still using them. Find the value of as many pairs of buckles at a guinea and a half a pair as there were years of plenty in Egypt in the time of Joseph."

That most eminent physician and pious Christian Boerhaave, a native of Yvothoon, near Leyden, in Holland died in 1737 in the 70th year of his age, leaving a fortune of two hundred thousand pounds sterling, though at his first setting out in life he was obliged to teach the mathematics to obtain a subsistence. Divide the above sum into as many parts as there are farthings in the third part of a guinea."

And yet you will find people ready to say or about that our great-grand mothers never had any education worthy of the name!
For exceeding the speed limit and failing to produce his licence, Lord Manton was fined £2 at Brentwood.

On the anniversary of the attempt by the late King Karl to regain the Hungarian throne, Royalists held a memorial service in Budapest and cheered the present Archduke Otto, who would hold the throne if it still existed.

WHAT TO DO FOR CHILDREN'S CONSTIPATION.

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HAS IT VANISHED?

EASTER ISLAND MYSTERY.

No confirmation has been received
 at the Chilean Legation in London of
 the sensational New York report that
 Easter Island—the lonely Pacific island
 of mystery 2,000 miles off the coast of
 Chile—has been swallowed up in the
 recent earthquake disturbances.

The Legation is anxiously awaiting
 further news.

Easter Island is one of the world's
 mysteries. Its gigantic statues,
 carved out of volcanic rock and cover-
 ing the island, are a complete puzzle
 to the archaeologists.

The origin of the few remaining
 native inhabitants is obscure, and the
 island itself is believed by some to be
 the only remaining portion of an old
 continent named "Lemuria," which
 occupied the Pacific and Indian
 oceans, and which like Atlantis, was
 submerged by the ocean.

THEOSOPHIST THEORY.
 This theory is not accepted by the
 scientists, but is sufficiently pictures-
 que to deserve notice. Theosophists
 claim that the existence of Lemuria
 has been revealed by occult means,
 and that the world at that epoch was
 inhabited by beings who were travel-
 ling for the fourth time through the
 round of the planets and undergoing
 for the third time their necessary
 seven incarnations.

At the beginning of this epoch, say
 the Theosophists, man first evolved
 into a sexual being, and was in the
 end highly civilized.

Mrs. Scoreby Routledge, who,
 with her husband, visited Easter
 Island in 1914 at the instance of Sir
 Hercules Read, and Captain T. A.
 Joyce, of the British Museum, will
 have nothing to do with this theory.

In her book, "The Mystery of Easter
 Island," Mrs. Routledge claims
 that various links connect the people
 now living on the island with the
 great image.

The statues, remains of which cover
 the island, appear to be the work of
 skilled hands, and vary from six to
 thirty feet in height. They are half-
 length figures, at the bottom of which
 the hands nearly meet in front of the
 body.

A remarkable feature is the ears, of
 which the lobe is depicted to represent
 a flesh rope, while in a few cases a
 disc worn in it is also indicated.

CONNECTION WITH BURIAL.
 The majority of the figures belong
 to the "akus" or burial places, and
 the problem of the disposal of the
 dead (Mrs. Routledge says) "was
 solved by neither earth-burial nor
 cremation but by means of the omni-
 present stones which were built up to
 make a last resting place for the
 departed."

At the head of the akus are these
 stone images, although many more
 were found in the island which had no
 apparent connection with a tomb.
 There is no equivalent anywhere for
 the akus and their age and origin is
 an unsolved problem.

The figures were cut from rock from
 the crater of Rano Karkaku, the
 greatest of a number of extinct
 volcanoes on the island, which has
 now the appearance of a huge quarry.
 Stone tools were apparently used,
 but in spite of this, some of the ex-
 cavated statues have a finish and
 detail which is very beautiful. The
 fingers taper, and the excessive length
 of the thumb joint and nail is remark-
 able.

While all the statues are of the
 made figure, certain of the character-
 istics are such as to lead the natives
 to call them female.

SMALL POPULATION.

Easter Island has a population of
 250 natives, and several Chinese and
 Europeans. It is 13 miles long and
 7 miles broad, and is in the shape of
 a "confusedly symmetrical" triangle,
 of which the apex is an extinct
 volcano 1,700 feet high, and on whose
 slopes stand many statues.

It was discovered in 1722 by the
 Dutch admiral Rogge, who was
 searching for another "mystery
 island," to the description of which it
 did not answer.

The natives are "astor-bingly
 fluent" in the art of prevarication,
 but the "inhabitants of the day are
 less real than the men who have gone;
 the shadows of the departed builders
 still possess the land."

Mary had finished her first term of
 school. She brought home her report,
 and gave it to her father. The teacher
 had written these words on the space
 opposite conduct: "Whisper too
 much." Her father asked: "Do
 you whisper much, Mary?" "Well
 I have to, daddy," she replied, "they
 won't let us talk out loud."

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Haiphong, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Mar- ques, South Africa, India via Dhanush- kodi, Egypt and EUROPE via MARSEILLE—due Marseilles 7th Feb. 1933. Registration 8.45 a.m. Let- ters 10.30 a.m.	Haruna Maru	10 a.m.
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Weihaiwei	Newchwang	5 p.m.
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	Fooking	9 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Monday, JANUARY 8.	
	Childers	9 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Tuesday, JANUARY 9.	
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	Alki Maru	9.20 a.m.
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 believe in kissing—Japanese, Chinese,
 many Africans, Malays, Siamese,
 many Eskimoes, and the native
 races of North America. One reason
 given for this absence of kissing
 among the Japanese is that the wo-
 men and girls have always used
 pigments to redden their lips, making
 kissing anything but attractive.